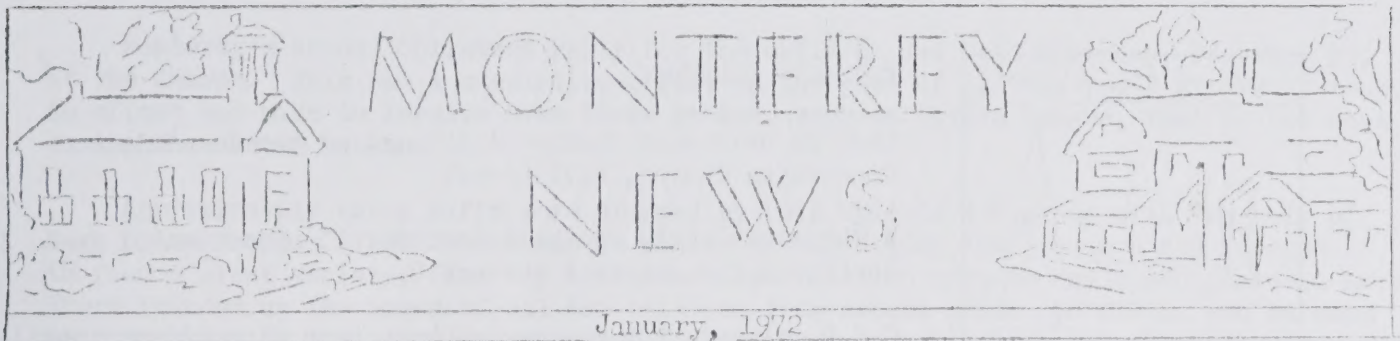


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PROPOSED TOWN SEAL

OUR TOWN

Youth Center Under Discussion

Actual plans for a proposed youth center in Monterey have been presented as a means of getting this idea into open discussion. Members of the Monterey Youth Group invited a number of town officials to meet with them to see what steps could be taken to make such a center a reality. The Rev. Harold Criswell, Jr. is adult advisor to the group.

What has attracted especial interest in this project is that it proposes to develop this facility as a voluntary community endeavor and will not depend upon tax funds for financing. Most adults who have talked with the youths about the facility have nearly as much enthusiasm as the young people themselves do. The feature that does

call for especially close cooperation between the youth and town officials is that plans for the proposed center were drawn up with the idea of the center being on town property. A warrant has been drawn up for Town Meeting because of this fact. The particular group of town officials with whom the group will be working most closely is the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Cost has been estimated at between \$5,000 and \$7,500, depending on whether plumbing facilities are included. The structure planned is basically a large concrete slab with a small enclosed area on one end. Facilities for multi-purpose activities such as dances, basketball, volleyball, and possibly ice-skating are being considered. The plans call for simple basic features which allow for changes and additions as time and finances permit.

Contract Awarded for Monterey Dam

Twelve bids were received for building the Monterey dam. The award was given to the Petricca Construction Company of Pittsfield for the low bid of \$319,092.00.

The dam contract calls for it to be completed by August 1. A feature of the contract that will interest all residents is that the normal high water level is to be maintained from June 1.

Authorization has been given for securing all the parcels, and all land is in the process of purchase.

Monterey Selectmen Chairman Robert Gauthier hails the planned construction as of "immeasurable assistance to our town." He commented: "Recreation is the mainstay of Monterey's economy, with summer residents, many of whom own cottages on the lake, paying nearly 75 per cent of our property taxes."

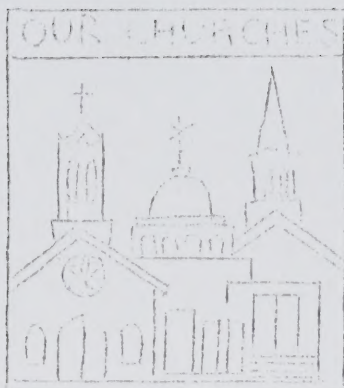
Recent responses of Monterey News readers indicates that the Monterey dam project has top priority in interest. It looks like we are coming down the home stretch in an area that is of prime importance to many people.

Political Scene Warming Up

The annual Town Meeting is to be Saturday, February 19, beginning at 10 a.m. The political movements preceding this date indicate that there will be "higher than average temperatures" in the civic climate of Monterey.

Richard Tryon has announced his running for Selectman. So far there are no other announcements for this office, but speculation on other names is around town. The Republican caucus is on Friday, January 7, and the Democratic one on Saturday, January 8. Perhaps the shape of Monterey politics will be a bit clearer after these caucuses.

From the present talk in town it appears that the central political movements are going to focus largely around the controversy over the proposed Route 23 by-pass.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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Mass is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

A Christmas party was held December 13 after school in Sheffield for grades 1 through 8.

C.C.D. classes for grades 2-8 have been discontinued until the end of March.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . Sermons on Ephesians, interrupted during Advent and Christmas, will be continued following Epiphany and will be concluded before the beginning of Lent. . . Congratulations on the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Leon and Stella Howes. . . Wedding bells for Hadley Simons and Elizabeth Bender on December 28.

Organ Repair Begun The contract for repairing the church organ has been awarded to Richard M. Geddes Pipe Organs at a cost of \$5500. It is expected that the work will take most of the time from now until Easter. A campaign to raise as much of the funds for this unbudgeted expense as possible will begin soon. Members and friends of the Church will receive a letter soon explaining the needs.

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 16. It will begin with the morning worship and will continue until the business is completed. There will be a covered dish dinner at noon.

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid held a holiday meeting at the home of Lucy Smith on December 2. The program, planned by Mrs. Miner, included a reading of the Christmas story by Stella Howes, a story read by Evelyn Chamberlain, a solo sung by Marie Brallier, and Christmas carols sung by all, accompanied by Mrs. Miner on the piano. Christmas cards were prepared for shut-ins, and there were delicious refreshments served by the hostess.

Stella Howes

PHILERGIANS

Philergians will meet Thursday, January 27, at 8 p.m. at Margery Janes' apartment in the village. There will be poetry readings by Dorothy Worthington Butts, Patricia Howard, and Margery Mansfield. Everyone is invited.

Margery Janes

JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

This group has been especially actively involved in helping facilitate Christmas events in Monterey. They set up and decorated the large Christmas tree for the Children's Christmas Celebration. They also "undecorated" the tree, took it down, and did an excellent job of cleaning up afterward. They made the vigil candles that were used in the Christmas Sunday Candlelight Service. In between all these service activities they have managed to engage in some stimulating activities for their own recreation. Their next major event is to sponsor a Monterey Swimming Party for youth of their own age and children several years younger. Watch for announcements.

In a New Year's Day accident two Monterey residents received painful, though not serious, injuries. On icy roads the truck Sheldon Fenn was driving skidded. Sheldon emerged with several broken ribs and Bruce Hastedt, whom he was driving home, had some teeth broken out.

Ann Sugrue, after some weeks in Fairview Hospital, died on January 3.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MONTEREY NEWS:

I have been asked to recount the following to enlighten all interested townsfolk.

After an amendment to Article 10 of the 1963 Town Warrant, the people voted to purchase a 3/4 ton pick-up truck "to be used by the Town to remove the snow piled by large plows at entrances to driveways within the bounds of the Town roads".

It is to be hoped that the selectmen will instruct the present road superintendent that the primary use of this pick-up truck is for the above stated purpose as so voted by the Town.

Very truly yours,

Edith L. Wilson

12/21/71

Monterey's Annual Christmas Party for the children was held Thursday, December 23, at the Church. This was a cumulative effort on the part of all the youth groups in town. An effort was made to involve even those groups, such as Little League, that do not meet during the winter months.

Approximately sixty gifts were wrapped by Lois Ryder's 4-H group with the help of Mary Ellen Brown. Linda Hebert was in charge of purchasing the presents and managed to find a great variety, from toy telephones and friction cars to chalk and slates. Mary Thorn rounded up the names of all the children from second grade and under, and it came as a surprise to the planning committee to find that we had a tiny tot population of approximately sixty.

The program for the party was delightful. The Brownies and Girl Scouts under the direction of Mary Jo Lemmerman and Elizabeth Pizzichemi put on the nativity pageant. Mary-Anne O'Connell and Andrea Pizzichemi read the Bible narration. The town's active 4-H horse group put on a play, "The Run-away Christmas Presents". The decorations for this play and the acting were beautifully done. This was under the direction of Gail and Robert Heath with Susan Bynack and Lyman Thompson assisting. "A Lesson for Charmin" was an original play created and acted by the Cub Scouts. It was fun to see our traditional elf hats in use again and to watch the really clever play. This group was under the direction of Pat Andrus.

The Girl Scouts and Webelos made up a band and played Christmas carols and Jingle Bells. After the playing of Jingle Bells all the children in kindergarten through second grade were asked to come to the little stage to sing in hopes that Santa Claus would hear them and come to the party. Their efforts were successful. Santa came bringing gifts for all. His pack was swelled with donations of candy canes from the Roadside Store and popcorn balls from the Monterey Store. Santa was assisted by Cindy Hebert, Arthur Hebert, Danny Andrus, Steve and Mattie L'Hommedieu, Michael Carson, Paul Wolfer, and Michael Thorpe. Many thanks to all for the generous contributions of time and money to make this annual event such a success.

Georgiana O'Connell

GOULD FARM NEWS

Gould Farm is recovering from the disastrous fire of last September 3rd when our main barn was destroyed. We also lost a well-equipped carpenter shop which was on the main floor of the barn. Already built is a new one-story barn to house the Farm's eight milk cows, fourteen head of beef cattle and calves, two horses, a pony, and two donkeys. During the building of the barn, Mr. Sheldon Fenn of Woodburn Farm very generously cared for our milk cows. Also well on the way to completion is a new carpenter shop. It is closed in, and the roof is finished. As soon as heat is piped in the concrete floor will be poured and equipment installed. A new roof has been put over the garage, egg, and pasteurizing rooms, which now form one unit with the carpenter shop. Next spring, funds permitting, we plan to build two more units in the new barn complex: a one-story hay and beef barn and a farming equipment shed. Last fall, the Farm was compelled to sell some forty head of beef cattle for lack of shelter and feed. They will be replaced in the spring when the pastures are green again. Almost all the construction work is being done by staff and guests; very little outside labor has had to be employed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bender, member of the Gould Farm staff and Hadley Simons, both of Monterey, were married Tuesday, December 28, at 3 p.m. in a candlelight service in the United Church of Christ, Monterey. The Reverend Hampton Price, Director of Gould Farm, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Chester Hack, sister-in-law of the bride, and Dr. Virgil Brallier, pastor of the church, were the attendants. Ushers were Chester Hack, brother of the bride, and Thaddeus Falcon. The church was decorated with Christmas greens and red and white poinsettias. A reception at Gould Farm followed for family and friends. After a trip to Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Simons will live on Bear Mountain Road, Monterey.

A house tour and tea was given by Mr. and Mrs. William Thober of Tyringham Road for the women of the staff at Gould Farm. Mr. Thober gave a most interesting account of the history of their house which was built in the late 1700's. The Thobers are in the process of restoring the house as nearly to its original state as they can determine. Mrs. Thober took her guests on a tour of the house. Tea was poured by Mrs. Edward Chipman of the Gould Farm staff.

Vadsworth Mullen
Lois Winchester
Mildred Chipman

SIGNS OF HOPE

There is something about the way human beings react that makes them much more sensitive to danger and crisis than they are to signs of hope. We seem to be able to smell danger a mile away, but the good may be right under our noses and we fail to recognize it.

Within the human scene there is a mixture of events, some alerting us to trouble and others promising us good. In this month's article I should like to note some of the straws in the wind which may cause us to take courage.

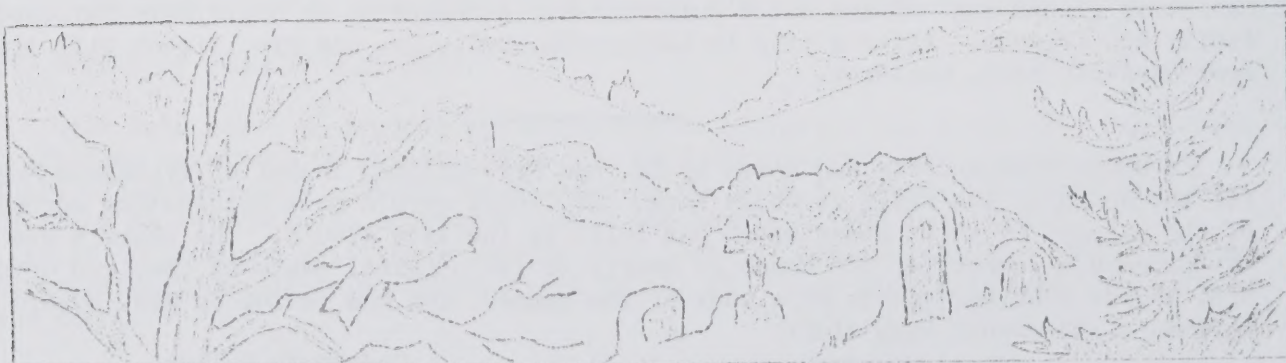
Consider the movement away from violence as a means of settling the internal problems of our nation. Several years ago there was a decided swing toward violent action as though it were the only way to redress wrongs. On campuses and on streets there was a growing conviction that destructive violence alone had loud enough voice to be heard. Now we are going through a considerable change of posture. I wonder why? I suspect the truth finally began to come through. Destructive action calls for a minimum of brains. In the end, when things lie in shambles, still the hard work of being constructive must be undertaken. Many a person has been discovering how much easier it is to smash than it is to build. It is for this reason, I believe, we are having some second thoughts about violence as a ready cure-all for society's defects. I find myself taking hope in the movement away from violence. Yet I would not kid myself that we have learned any permanent lesson. Let frustration with rigid, unresponsive systems mount and our hard won wisdom about the futility of violence will come tumbling down again.

I take hope also in the way change comes. Sometimes we men get caught in the cops and robbers fantasy of childhood. We like to line up all the good guys on one side and all the bad guys on the other. Then we would throw enough weight on the side of the good guys to make their victory inevitable. This is essentially a violent view of the way change comes. Unfortunately, the human situation is not that simple. If I am truly honest, I must admit there is a mixture of the good guy and the bad guy in me. Few of my actions will be totally selfless. When "we good guys" have reality enough, and humility as well, to recognize flaws in our motivations and actions we are more likely to get down to the hard task of producing a just society. This is what I believe is happening. As people are gradually overcoming the "good guy" complex they are opening the way to find out how to be more human and more humane. We are having less compulsive need to protest how righteous and unblemished we are. This is a quality that is very necessary if we are to learn how to live with neighbors--whether that neighbor be across the hedge or across the ocean.

This also happens to be good religion. The man who is "arrogantly good" is denying the reality of God. Indeed, in such a mood, we are in danger of trying to play God with others. Just at this moment we start violating others and are blissfully unaware of it. A sound faith begins with a solid reckoning concerning our human limitations. In short, good religion always begins with an unequivocal acceptance of our human status.

As we enter 1972 I find signs of hope. This does not remove the danger signals that are here too. I wish for each of you that you may discover signs of hope as well and that we shall respond to these freely and fully. For our ability to respond to signs of hope is a sound basis for even more hope.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



BROWNIES



During December the Brownies took a trip to Ward's Nursery to see the animals and Santa's workshop. The girls also enjoyed taking part, along with the Junior Girl Scouts, in the Nativity Pageant for the Monterey Community Christmas Party.

Mary Jo Lemmerman

CUB SCOUTS

A Pack Meeting was held December 3. Awards were given to all the new boys. Three boys from Den I in Monterey:

Mark Beattie, Jeffrey Bynak, and John Nakuc; 10 from Den II, and one from Webelos received bobcat pins. Bear badges and gold arrows were received by Darrell Lemmerman, Warren Thompson; silver arrows: Darrell Lemmerman, Shawn Ryder; one-year pins: Kenneth Heath, Shawn Ryder.

Following the awards a drag race was held with fire trucks made by the boys and their fathers. The co-champions were Chuck Wyman and John Ormsbee, with Remo Pizzichemi in second place. The trucks were made from a kit with a block of wood, axles and wheels but the ladders, hoses, buckets, paint headlights, and body shapes were all thought of by the boys. They did a fine job!!! Mark Beattie and Douglas MacKenzie were given trophies for best design.

At a joint meeting with Den II Santa Claus candy jars were made to be given to the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home for Christmas. On December 23 the boys of Monterey helped in the Christmas program. Two were in the band, 10 in a play called "A Lesson for Charmin", and several helped Santa.

Pat Andrus

TROOP 39 BOY SCOUTS

January 17 is the tentative date for the Court of Honor to be held in the Church basement. The following will receive awards: Scott Jervas, Star Scout; Charles Mielke, Wade Merritt, and Owen Wright, First Class; Richard Lemmerman, David Brown, Keith Salzman, Paul Pedersen, and Robert Dugan, Second Class; and Francis White, Michael Carson, Michael Thorpe, Mark Carson, and Troy Jervas, Tenderfoot.

During the Christmas Vacation the boys went on a five-mile hike over Beartown Mountain. Winter is now upon us, but there are still a great many activities to be had in the snow. Eagle Scouts Matthew Clark and David Campbell were with the troop activities during the holidays. Matt goes to Clemson University, Dave to Tulane. These two boys are also assistant Scout Masters of the troop.

To the people of Monterey and New Marlboro: The boys of the Troop wish one and all a very Happy New Year!

Doug Lyman
Scout Master

THE LITTLE BIRD I HAVE NOT FEDARGUMENT

The little bird I have not fed
Is dead, is dead.
My eyes are opened, now I know
How deep and crusted was the snow,
And while I sat, like one grown old,
Beside the fire--outside, how cold!

He came and died beside my door,
Reproach for any eye to see.
Now I no longer can ignore
The cruel cold surrounding me;
And in my heart, there is the cry,
"And is it only birds that die?"

Margery Hansfield
from Kansas City Times

If trees survive, if these outlive
Cold that blinds the heart,
Minutest seed preserve the germ,
Then love possesses art

To lie, the prisoner of frost,
Nourished by despair,
A rebel germ resisting most
The strong sub-zero air.

If these put forth the leaf and flower,
Then I shall know the sun
Your presence was, the signal hour,
And answer - gun to gun!

Dorothy Worthington Butts

Death is the cool of tender night
Life is sweltering day;
It's darkening now, I'm drowsy,
The day has worn me out.
Over my bed is a branching tree;
The young nightingale sings on the bough:
Her song is all of love --
It echoes throughout my dreams.

Heinrich Heine
(tr Patricia Howard)

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